1. God is love.
2. Our choices and decisions affect ourselves and others.

**During lesson time your child:**
- understood that caring means doing something for someone in need;
- re-told or illustrated the story of 'The Good Samaritan'.

**Luke 10:29-37 The Good Samaritan**

But the man was anxious to justify himself and said to Jesus, 'And who is my neighbour?' Jesus replied, 'A man was once on his way from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell into the hands of brigands; they took all he had, beat him and then made off, leaving him half dead. Now a priest happened to be travelling down the same road, but when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. In the same way a Levite who came to the place saw him, and passed by on the other side. In the same way a Levite who came to the place saw him, and passed by on the other side.

But a Samaritan traveller who came upon him was moved with compassion when he saw him. He went up and bandaged his wounds, pouring oil and wine on them. He then lifted him onto his own mount, carried him to the inn and looked after him. Next day, he took out two denarii and handed them to the innkeeper. “Look after him,” he said “and on my way back I will make good any extra expense you have.”

Which of these three, do you think, proved himself a neighbour to the man who fell into the brigands’ hands? ‘The one who took pity on him,’ he replied. Jesus said to him, “Go, and do the same yourself.”

**Suggested Home Activities**

These are some suggested activities to do at home with your child.

1. Read the above passage with your child. Discuss how the three men who came across the hurt man differ.
2. Ask how your child would respond if someone who was not popular needed their help and how they would feel if they were that person?
3. Encourage your child to be a Good Samaritan e.g. being a friend to a boy or girl in the class who maybe lonely; or visit someone who is old or sick.

**To Remember:**

Jesus asks us to care for our neighbours.
Dear God,
help us to remember all the people
who are sick, or hurt or lonely.
May they know that we really care for them.
Amen.